

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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IN REPLY REFER TO

5720 Ser SEA 00A5/DON-NAVY-2017-009769ATD September 12, 2017

VIA EMAIL: ousatiashtia@wisc.edu Ms. Alireza Ashtiani University of Wisconsin-Madison No Name, AK 12345

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON-NAVY 2017-009769

Dear Ms. Ashtiani:

This acknowledges receipt of your August 21, 2017 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request asking to find out more about the findings of the first phase for proposal N042-158-0. Your request was received by this office on August 30, 2017 and is assigned case number DON-NAVY-2017-009769.

We conducted a search of this Headquarters' files, specifically those located with the NAVSEA SBIR/STTR Program Manager. As a result of that search we were unable to locate any documents responsive to your request. However, we did learn that the technical data for the identified SBIR effort is not subject to FOIA under SBIR data rights. Data rights could be expired, but only the identified contractor would know. In this instance, we recommend you contact them directly to obtain additional information about the NO42-158-0. S. G. Sanker with Advanced Materials Corporation can be reached at 412-921-9600 X2223 or by email at sankar@advanced-material.com.

If you believe that we did not conduct an adequate search, you may file an administrative appeal. Should you decide to file an appeal, it must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should contain a copy of your original requests, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you think your appeal should be granted. Attach a copy of this letter to the appeal and mark the appeal and the envelope, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Mail the original to the Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel, Attn: FOIA APPEALS, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532, Washington, DC 20350-1000. Please mail a copy of the appeal to:

Commander Naval Sea Systems Command (SEA 00A5) 1333 Isaac Hull Ave SE Washington Navy Yard, DC 20376-1021

As an alternative to filing an appeal, you may seek Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR). You may submit your request for ADR either to DONFOIA-PA@navy.mil or you can call the Navy FOIA Service Center at 202-685-0214 or via the following address:

Chief of Naval Operations (DNS-36)
Attn: FOIA/PA Service Center
C/O - Head, SECNAV/CNO FOIA/PA Program Office
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-2000

If you have any questions concerning the processing of your request, please contact Ms. Ginger Dolan, at 202-781-3359.

Sincerely,

DONNA M. HAMLIN
By direction